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C O N F I D E N T I A L REYKJAVIK 1197

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: MARR IC NATO
SUBJECT: IDF RETENTION NEGOTIATIONS: MARINE GUARD AT
THE KEFLAVIK MAIN GATE

1. IT IS MY CONSIDERED JUDGMENT THAT BEST COURSE OF ACTION AT THIS STAGE IN VIEW OF ACTIONS THAT TOOK PLACE PRIOR TO LAST WEEK ON MARINE GUARD SUBJECT IS TO AGREE TO REIMBURSE ICELANDIC GOVT FOR THE ICELANDIC POLICEMEN OR CUSTOMS OFFICIALS WHOM THEY WILL HAVE TO HIRE TO REPLACE MG AT MAIN GATE. WE ALSO HAVE UNDER CONSIDERATION PLACING A SIGN ON GUARDHOUSE IDENTIFYING IT AS "ICELANDIC CUSTOMS CONTROL POINT". ALSO CONTEMPLATE PAINTING GUARDHOUSE DIFFERENT COLOR TO REFLECT CHANGED STATUS. WILL ALSO MOVE NATO SIGN FURTHER BACK SO AS NOT TO BE READILY APPARENT TO ICELANDERS GOING TO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND WILL PLACE ARROWS ALONG ROUTE POINTING TO AIRPORT.

2. SIGNIFICANT PARAGRAPHS OF A CONTEMPLATED NEW AGREEMENT THAT MUST BE SIGNED WITH DEFENSE COUNCIL ARE: "WHEREAS, ICELAND
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HAS REQUESTED THAT THE MILITARY GUARDS AT THE MAIN GATE BE RE-

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PLACED BY ICELANDIC POLICEMEN OR ICELANDIC CUSTOMS GUARDS,
AND

"RECOGNIZING, THAT IT MAY BE TO THE BEST INTEREST OF
ICELAND AND THE U.S. IF CUSTOMS CONTROL AT
THE MAIN GATE AT KEFLAVIK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WERE MAIN-
TAINED BY TWO ICELANDIC POLICE OR CUSTOMS OFFICIALS,"

3. I BELIEVE THIS ACTION AND THE WORDING OF THE PROPOSED AGREE-
MENT WILL GIVE US THE PSYCHOLOGICAL ADVANTAGE WE WANT. I HAVE
A TENTATIVE APPOINTMENT WITH THE FONMIN OCT 12 AND WOULD ACCOR-
DINGLY APPRECIATE DEPT'S CONCURRENCE ON COURSE OF ACTION
OUTLINED AND CONCURRENCE FOR ME TO ADVISE FONMIN OF THIS ACTION
SUGGESTING TO HIM HE USE THIS AS A CONCESSION HE GAINED WHILE
IN WASH LAST WEEK.

4. DEFENSE COUNCIL WOULD LIKE SIGN NEW AGREEMENT OCT 12 FOR
IMPLEMENTATION NOV 1.

5. COMICEDEFOR CONCURS.
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